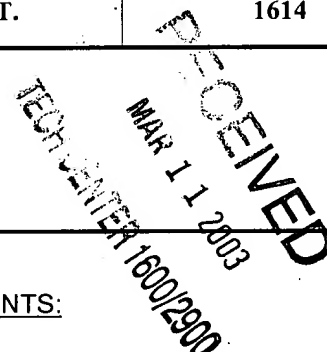
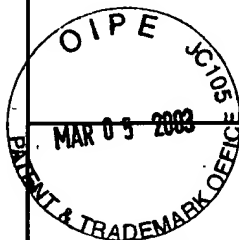


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No. **PL**  
31927 **3/21/03**
In Re Application Of: **MESSADEK, Jallal**
Serial No.  
09/945,391

Filing Date  
August 31, 2001

Examiner  
OSTRUP, Clinton T.

Group Art Unit  
1614
Invention: **GLYCINE BETAINE AND ITS USE**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of November 5, 2002 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☐ Two months    ☒ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months
from: December 5, 2002*Date*

until:

March 5, 2003*Date*

Applicant claims the benefit of Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27  
 A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$465** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-0522**  
 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-0522** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: **March 5, 2003***Signature*

**Thomas H. Van Hoozer, Reg. No. 32,761**  
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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

*Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence**Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence*

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